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REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 21 February 1953, a train carrying five T-34/85 tanks escorted by Soviet personnel and facing toward Pasewalk was seen at the Neubrandenburg railroad station. The tanks had Nos 323, 326, 305, 314 and 343. A second train carrying 20 x 76.2-mm ZIS-3 guns and a personnel carrier occupied by VP was on a side track, also facing toward Pasewalk. At 8:15 a.m. on 23 February, five boats on two-wheeled trailers were detrained and picked up by trucks. Two of the boats were numbered 30 and 34. At 11:30 a.m. on 24 February, two T-34/85 tanks, one numbered 431 and the other without number were detrained. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 25 February, and between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 26 February, a Soviet engineer unit practiced river crossing at the Oberbach, the northern feeder of the Tollense lake. ¹ 25X1
2. On 27 February, a converted boxcar and seven boxcars loaded with ammunition and dispatched in Altruppin, left for Dannenwalde. ² 25X1
3. In early March, a Soviet technical sergeant in the area north of Prora stated that he belonged to the IV Arty Corps and that he was not allowed to enter the Stubbnitz restricted area. ³ 25X1
4. On 3 March, a column of 20 trucks, each occupied by eight soldiers and each towing a gun and was seen at the southern exit of Zossen, coming from the direction of Schoeneiche. the column belonged to AAA units which allegedly were stationed in the woods in the Schoeneiche-Kalinchen area. The column allegedly went to Rehagen. ⁴ 25X1
5. At about 6 p.m. on 4 March, an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets was unloaded from 15 boxcars, an undetermined number of trucks with covered numbers was unloaded from 5 flatcars with sideracks; and 18 T-34/85 tanks and 7 JS tanks were unloaded from an undetermined number of flatcars, at the Vogelsang railroad station. On 5 March, a train of about 30 railroad cars carrying 4 armored scout cars, an undetermined number of trucks and billeting equipment was seen at the Vogelsang railroad station. At about 9 a.m. on 6 March, armored ^{25X1}

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scout cars [] 4 x 57-mm AT guns, an undetermined number of trucks, billeting equipment and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were detrained at the Vogelsang railroad station. ⁵

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6. At 4 p.m. on 7 March, 3 boxcars occupied by personnel, 4 flatcars carrying prime movers and 5 flatcars carrying trucks with covered numbers were on a side track of the Potsdam railroad station. ⁶

7. On 13 March, about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, T-34 tanks Nos 122, 128, 210 and 225; 1 tank truck and 3 or 4 trucks were entrained at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station and left toward Belzig and Genthin at about 4 p.m. The troops and materiel had come from the Pionier Kaserne.

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8. On 14 March, 6 boxcarloads of troops and 4 tanks [] were entrained at the Oranienburg railroad station. The train, which included a number of empty boxcars and gondola cars, left toward Loewenberg at 4:20 p.m. ⁵

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9. On 17 March, a column of about 50 trucks [] and towing a total of 14 x 37-mm AA guns was seen en route from Wuensdorf to Sperenberg. ⁴

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1. [] Comment. The 5 T-34/85 tanks observed at the Neubrandenburg railroad station on 21 February, [] belong to the 12th Gds Tank Div. The shipment of AT guns observed on the same day, probably carried a KVP unit. The engineer equipment detrained on 23 February, probably belonged to the 88th Engr Regt (?) of the Second Gds Necz Army. The tanks entrained on 24 February may have been tanks in need of repair of the unidentified Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div. Units of the above mentioned engineer regiment probably practiced at the known engineer training site on the northern tip of Tollense See.

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2. [] Comment. [] confirms the Hq 12th Gds Tank Div in Neuruppin until 27 February 1953.

3. [] Comment. Presumably a member of the 4th AT Arty Brig (US) of the IV Arty Corps which, among other units, is located in the Krora area.

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4. [] Comment. [] exercises or relief movements of the 2d Gds AAA Div took place in its Wuensdorf-Kummersdorf quartering area. [] The motor vehicle [] belongs to the 18th How Arty Brig (US) and was repeatedly observed in Zossen. The motor vehicle [] belong to the 2d Gds AAA Div.

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5. [] Comment. Detraining of units of the 25th Tank Div, the transfer of which from Oranienburg to Vogelsang had repeatedly been reported. [] The train on 14 March probably carried a rear detail from Oranienburg to Vogelsang.

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6. [] Comment. Probably part of a shipment of units of the 34th Arty Div (US) which, according to reports on transportation, went from Altengrabow to Potsdam on 7 March.

7. [] Comment. The entraining of a tank detachment of the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div for Letzling Heath was repeatedly reported.

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